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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Ephraim W. Butterfield, services as selectman	$121 00
Stephen Goff, services as selectman	73 00
Rodney M. Rollins, services as selectman	84 00
Silas A. Riddle, services as town clerk	50 00
Silas A. Riddle, care town-house	20 00
Ira C. Tyson, services as superintending school committee	45 00
John Hodgman, services as collector	91 14
John Hodgman, services as treasurer	40 00
John Hodgman, services as supervisor, 1879	8 00
John Hodgman, services as moderator, 1879	5 00
John Hodgman, stationery	1 42
Charles Campbell, services as constable	5 00
Clinton H. Bixby, desk for selectmen's room	12 00
H. P. Barnard, one cord wood	5 00
John B. Clarke, printing town report	81 36
Higgins Brothers, two chairs for town-house	1 87
Temple & Farrington, invoice-book and stationery	12 78
C. H. Bixby, mouldings and hanging maps	1 75
Horace Townsend, appropriation for soldiers' graves	4 56
Rodney M. Rollins, expenses examining records	2 50

Charles B. Beal, school-house tax, district No. 2	65 00	
Charles B. Beal, services as supervisor	4 00	
Silas A. Riddle, paid for transcript of highway	1 00	
Leonard Farley, work on stage in town-house	1 50	
Hugh R. Barnard, one pump	10 00	
Milton W. Spencer, bounty on hawks	2 20	
Hugh R. Barnard, bounty on hawks	2 40	
William Gannon, scenery for town-house	150 00	
R. M. Rollins, labor on old graveyard	4 00	
J. A. Cline & Co., 11 maps	55 00	
William Walker, use of watering-trough	3 00	
Hugh R. French, services as supervisor	4 00	
Milton W. Spencer, bounty on hawks	1 40	
Hugh R. Barnard, repairs on town-house	13 70	
A. C. Buswell, returns of births and deaths	50	
R. M. Rollins, teaming curtains from Manchester	2 00	
		$985 08

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

G. W. Goff, labor on highway, 1878, '79	$24 80	
James S. Lord, repairs on highway and breaking road	22 74	
Milton H. Flint, labor on highway and breaking roads	17 50	
D. W. Atwood, labor on highway and breaking roads, 1878 and 1879	15 57	
H. T. Barnard, labor on highway	13 50	
N. W. Cutler, labor on highway and breaking roads	5 00	
Quincy Barnard, labor on highway and breaking roads, 1878 and 1879	15 40	
Joseph H. Tinker, labor on highway and breaking roads, 1878 and 1879	23 08	
George F. Shepard, labor on highway and breaking roads, 1878 and 1879	18 50	
John Hodgman, bills paid, breaking roads, 1878 and 1879	86 31	

Stillman Shepard, labor on highway and breaking roads, 1878 and 1879 . .	25 28	
H. R. Barnard, labor on highway and breaking roads, 1878 and 1879 . .	18 15	
Sanford Roby, repairing roads, 1878 .	14 00	
C. P. Clement, labor on highway . .	22 25	
Henry L. Peaslee, labor on Brown hill .	38 87	
Reuben Adams, building culvert on Joppa road	8 00	
Milton W. Spencer, labor on highway .	15 40	
Benjamin Plummer, labor on highway .	19 73	
Henry T. Barnard, labor on highway .	16 52	
Clinton French, labor on highway, 1878 and 1879	33 64	
Ephraim Kendall, labor on highway .	27 37	
John Hodgman, highway tax worked out	348 58	
J. S. Conrey, labor on highway . .	13 67	
C. P. Clement, labor on highway . .	7 44	
John Hodgman, highway tax worked out	333 43	
H. T. Barnard, labor on highway in districts Nos. 4 and 12	15 96	
John Hodgman, highway tax worked out	349 62	
John Hodgman, highway tax worked out	230 79	
H. R. Barnard, railing for highway .	13 85	
Simon Jenness, work on culvert, 1878 .	2 70	
Clinton French, labor on highway .	10 20	
Samuel W. Dunbar, labor on highway .	1 50	
George W. Goff, posts and rails for railing	12 50	
John Hodgman, highway tax worked out	35 23	
		$1,857 08

BREAKING ROADS.

Stephen Goff, breaking roads . .	$8 00
Asa Carley, breaking roads, 1878 and 1879	1 88
William U. Gage, breaking roads, 1878 and 1879	7 00
Orrin Webber, breaking roads, 1878 and 1879	4 65
A. L. Flint, breaking roads, 1879 . .	7 25
George A. King, breaking roads, 1879 .	8 48

E. W. Butterfield, breaking roads, 1879	29 97	
George Foster, breaking roads, 1879 .	6 00	
Rodney M. Rollins, breaking roads, 1879	5 45	
C. H. Gage, breaking roads, 1879 . .	7 50	
James Fullerton, breaking roads, 1879 .	10 42	
Timothy Townsend, breaking roads, 1878 and 1879	23 43	
Alfred Dunlap, breaking roads, 1878 and 1879	6 50	
Ralph Holbrook, breaking roads, 1879 .	5 50	
R. M. Rollins, breaking roads, 1880 .	1 25	
		$133 28

EXPENSES IN SCHEER CASE.

R. M. Rollins, paid witnesses and expenses at court	$351 37	
Dr. W. W. Wilkins, attendance at court	70 00	
Dr. Geo. A. Crosby, attendance at court	60 00	
John Foster, services as counsel . .	50 00	
David Cross, services as counsel . .	331 00	
B. Wadleigh, services as counsel . .	300 00	
Geo. A. Allen, service as engineer .	81 50	
John Hodgman, paid witnesses . .	129 46	
		$1,373 33

EXPENSES OF ROAD HEARING ON PETITION OF D. PARKER AND OTHERS.

Milton W. Spencer, paid witnesses .	$10 03	
A. F. Stevens, service as counsel . .	82 00	
H. R. Barnard. paid witnesses . .	32 53	
Geo. A. Allen, services as engineer .	10 00	
		$134 56

SUPPORT OF COUNTY POOR.

Edward Barr, medicine furnished Nelson Regnor	$2 00
W. F. Sleeper & Co., groceries furnished Nelson Regnor	8 83
Mrs. M. J. Kendall, groceries furnished Nelson Regnor	2 99

Dr. D. P. Campbell, professional services rendered Nelson Regnor and family .	36 50	
David H. Barr, wood furnished Nelson Regnor	10 00	
John G. Vose, goods furnished Nelson Regnor	8 14	
Barr & Clapp, groceries furnished Nelson Regnor	19 00	
A. C. Buswell, M. D., professional services and medicines furnished Mrs. George Connor	9 00	
Fairbanks & Pearson, burial outfit for Mrs. Connor	15 00	
S. A. Riddle, attendance at funeral Mrs. Connor	2 00	
		$113 46

ABATEMENTS.

Geo. W. Goff, on stock in trade . .	$2 40
Wm. Moore, 2d, over-tax on bank stock, 1878	2 16
H. R. Barnard, over-tax on bank stock of C. H. Moore	2 16
Wm. A. Rundlett, poll tax, 1878 . .	80
Wm. A. Rundlett, Jr., poll tax, 1878 .	80
Samuel Adams, poll tax, 1877 and 1878, and dog tax	3 25
Nathan Adams, on real estate . .	1 20
Joseph Blanchard, poll tax, 1878 . .	93
Michael Boynton, poll tax, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878	5 88
Frank Clement, poll tax, 1878 . .	93
Valentine Crowen, poll tax, 1878 and 1879	1 40
Jeremiah Culley, poll tax, 1879 . .	84
Alfred Fosdick, on mills and real estate	3 00
George C. Gage, poll tax, 1879 . .	60
Robert Hall, poll tax, 1879 . . .	60
A. L. Hadley, on interest money . .	10 80
Samuel Kidder, poll tax, 1878 and 1879	1 53
George B. Moore, poll tax, 1878 . .	80
James Pierce, poll tax, 1879 . . .	60

John Robinson, poll tax, 1879 . .	60	
Samuel T. Soper, on stock in trade .	1 80	
Henry P. Taffe, poll tax, 1878 and 1879	1 40	
William Towns, poll tax, and cow, 1878 and 1879	1 76	
John Turner, poll tax, 1879 . . .	60	
Richard Q. Young, poll tax, 1879 .	60	
Mary A. Moore, on interest money .	21 15	
Thomas H. Richards, error on tax .	4 01	
John R. Young, on dog tax . . .	1 00	
		$73 60

ASSESSMENTS.

The amount of money assessed upon the polls and ratable estates of residents and non-residents in the town of Bedford for the year 1879: —

For state, county, and school tax .	$2,000 00	
For highways and bridges . . .	1,500 00	
To defray town charges . . .	1 00	
Percentage	59 01	
School-house tax, District No. 2 . .	66 60	
Dog tax	145 00	
		$3,771 61

TOTAL AMOUNT OF ORDERS DRAWN SINCE MARCH 1, 1879.

Incidental expenses	$985 08	
Highways and bridges	1,857 08	
Breaking roads	133 28	
County poor	113 46	
Expenses in road hearing . . .	134 56	
Expenses in Scheer case . . .	1,373 33	
Abatements	73 60	
		$4,670 41

Total valuation of the town of Bedford for the year 1879 . . . . . $594,232 00

Inventory of the taxable polls and personal estates of the inhabitants of the town of Bedford for the year 1879: —

Polls	$34,300 00
Horses	17,218 00

Cows and other neat stock	31,259 00
Sheep	77 00
Hogs	409 00
Stock in banks	3,700 00
Carriages	1,725 00
Stock in trade	4,555 00
Money at interest	81,118 00
Mills	4,325 00
Stock in public funds	9,100 00
Dogs	145 00

PROPORTION OF SCHOOL MONEY.

District No. 1	$281 68	
2	156 02	
3	92 92	
4	204 06	
5	107 31	
6	137 09	
7	167 05	
8	114 49	
9	98 03	
10	31 42	
11	74 83	
		$1,464 90

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HUGH R. BARNARD,
RODNEY M. ROLLINS,
MILTON W. SPENCER,
Selectmen of Bedford.

BEDFORD, March 1, 1880.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Bedford in account with John Hodgman, Treasurer.

Dr.

By cash on hand March 1, 1879 .	$1,412 54	
received of John Hodgman, collector, 1878 . . .	1,826 36	
received of John Hodgman, collector, 1879 . . .	3,118 29	
received of selectmen from county	113 46	
received from sale of state bonds	1,000 00	
received premium on state bonds	163 12	
received interest on state bonds	42 00	
received from state treasurer, railroad tax . . .	112 57	
received from state treasurer, savings-bank tax . .	1,419 50	
received from state literary fund	97 68	
received from S. A. Riddle, for use of town hall . .	20 00	
received from collector, interest on taxes . . .	52 55	
received from Manchester Savings-bank . . .	22 47	
received from selectmen, discount on engineer's bill .	8 25	
received from selectmen from Deputy-Sheriff Healy .	7 50	
		$9,416 29

To cash paid town orders drawn current year, 1879 . . .	$4,670 41	
whole amount school-money, 1879 . . .	1,464 90	
county tax . . .	1,545 96	
state tax . . .	1,560 00	
on hand March 1, 1880 .	175 02	
		$9,416 29

Standing of the town financially, March 1, 1880.

LIABILITIES.

Estimated outstanding debts of the town, including town officers' salaries		$800 00

ASSETS.

Due from collector, 1879 . . .	$653 32	
Cash on hand, March 1, 1880 . .	175 02	
		$828 34
Deduct estimated liabilities .		800 00
Balance in favor of the town March 1, 1880 . . .		$28 34

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN HODGMAN,
Town Treasurer.

BEDFORD, MARCH 1, 1880.

SEXTON'S REPORT.

Death Record in Bedford, from March 1, 1879, to February 29, 1880.

Date.	Name.	Disease.	Age. Y's.	Ms.	D'ys.	Place of Burial.
1879,						
Mar. 3.	Augusta Whittemore,	Diarrhea,	37	11	14	Old graveyard.
Mar. 28.	Nancy Ferguson,	Old age,	91	4		Center graveyard.
May 10.	Mary A. Moore,	Consumption,	41	10	15	Center graveyard.
May 16.	Samuel Seavey,	Diphtheria,	3	6		Center graveyard.
June 5.	Benton Boyce,	Diphtheria,	13			Joppa graveyard.
June 8.	Inf. of Alfred B. Campbell,				1	Center graveyard.
June 10.	Louise Moore,	Paralysis,	75	5	5	Old graveyard.
July 11.	Hannah Carr,	Old age,	86			Antrim, N. H.
July 26.	William U. Gage,	Liver comp.,	56	9	22	Center graveyard.
Oct. 21.	Sophia R. Moore,	Pneumonia,	82	6	14	Pine Grove, Manchester.
Nov. 1.	Lizzie Conner,	Paralysis,	43			Joppa graveyard.
Dec. 6.	Susie E. Conner,	Meningitis,	1	8		Center graveyard.
Dec. 10.	Winifred Farrar,	Diphtheria,	2			
Dec. 25.	Max Voigt,	Spasms,			23	Old graveyard.
Dec. 29.	Hattie L. Farrar,	Paralysis,	13		12	Old graveyard.
1880.						
Jan. 2.	Lucy B. Weishaupt,	Consumption,	17	0	5	Center graveyard.

1879. DIED IN OTHER PLACES. — BURIED IN BEDFORD.

July 7.	John M. Wallace, New Boston, N. H.	65 y'rs.	10 mos.		Center graveyard.
Oct. 29.	Sarah Hobart, Manchester, N. H.	38	10	6 d's.	Joppa graveyard.

There have been 16 deaths during the year. Consumption caused 2, diphtheria 3, old age 2, paralysis 3, other causes 6.

S. A. RIDDLE,
Sexton.

Bedford, March 1, 1880.

SCHOOL REPORT.

In making the annual statement of the condition of the schools of Bedford, I take great pleasure in stating that the progress made in most of them has been very satisfactory, and that the efforts made by the several teachers have been rewarded by more than ordinary success.

There have been instances in which the teachers have failed to create that interest which it is so pleasant to see in the school-room, but I think that they should not be blamed with the failure while the primary cause exists so plainly around the hearth-stones of their pupils.

One case of discipline occurred, for the settlement of which the superintendent was called in. It is enough to say that it was settled on its merits. Right here, I wish to state, that, as a general rule, the male teachers have not been as successful as the female teachers. In one instance where a male teacher was employed, he resigned at the end of the first week for a more lucrative field; while in another instance, the teacher left for the same reason during the ninth week of the term.

I do not say that any blame attaches to either of these teachers; but it does seem to me that such changes are against the best interests of our schools. I have been informed that there has been more or less disturbance in the school in district No. 2, for the last twenty years. I am pleased to record, that during this year everything has resulted to the best interests of the school. I can but think that the prudential committee has been very fortunate in his selection of teachers.

Some change in the text-books has been made this year, which, I think, has been an advantage to the schools. The teachers without an exception have favored the change.

Each school in the town has been supplied during the year with a new map of the State of New Hampshire. This is one of the best, if not the very best, which has ever been introduced into our schools.

I am sorry to say that the school in district No. 1, where we have the greatest number of weeks of school, and the most school-money, is by far the most backward school in town. It seems almost impossible to create that interest among the scholars which ought to be seen in a school with so many apparent advantages as this one has.

The school in district No. 6 being in progress, I am unable to make any report of it.

The report of the schools will be found below.

District No. 1.

Teachers.—First and second terms, Miss Olive A. Rowe. Second term, Miss Maria J. Stevens.

	1st T.	2d T.	3d T.
Length of school in weeks of five days each	7	14	10
Whole number different boys attending two weeks or more	15	18	16
Whole number different girls attending two weeks or more	14	14	12
Whole number different pupils attending two weeks or more	29	32	28
Number of pupils under five years of age	0	0	0
Number of pupils over fifteen . .	0	0	1
Number of pupils between five and fifteen	29	32	27
Number of visits of superintendent .	1	4	3
Number of visits of prudential committee	0	0	0
Number of visits of parents and citizens	6	11	7
Wages of teacher per month . . .	$28	$28	$28

Roll of Honor.*—First term, Nellie Cassen, Lizzie C. French, Emma J. McDole, George A. Cota. Second term, Irwin R. French, Bertie C. Parker, Lizzie E. French. Third term, Irwin R. French, Lizzie E. French, Bertha E. Parkhurst.

* Includes scholars present every half-day of term, without being tardy.

District No. 2.

Teachers. — First term, Miss Fannie L. Perry. Second term, Samuel S. Perry.

	1st T.	2d T.
Length of school in weeks of five days each	11	11
Whole number of different boys attending two weeks or more	8	15
Whole number of different girls attending two weeks or more	14	12
Whole number of different pupils attending two weeks or more	22	27
Whole number of pupils under five years of age	0	0
Whole number over fifteen years of age	0	8
Whole number between five and fifteen	22	19
Higher branches, — algebra	1	0
Number of visits of superintendent	2	4
Number of visits of prudential committee	1	2
Number of visits by parents and citizens	28	18
Wages of teacher per month	$20	$35

Roll of Honor. — First term, Nettie C. Jenkins, Mary Blood. Jessie Parker, Ernest Jenkins, Simeon J. Parker. Second term, Mary A. Parker, Jessie Parker, Simeon J. Parker.

District No. 3.

Teacher. — First and second terms, Miss Mary A. Walker.

	1st T.	2d T.
Length of school in weeks of five days each	10	11
Whole number of different boys attending two weeks or more	10	11
Whole number of different girls attending two weeks or more	9	9
Whole number of different pupils attending two weeks or more	16	17
Whole number of pupils under five years of age	0	0
Whole number of pupils over fifteen	1	0
Whole number of pupils between five and fifteen	15	17
Higher branches, — physiology	0	2
Number of visits of superintendent	2	5
Number of visits of prudential committee	0	1
Number of visits by parents and citizens	16	13
Wages of teacher per month	$18	$18

Roll of Honor. — Second term, Minnie W. Darrah.

District No. 4.

Teacher. — First, second, and third terms, Miss Etta F. Moulton.

	1st T.	2d T.	3d T.
Length of school in weeks of five days each	8	10	8
Whole number of different boys attending two weeks or more	9	8	11
Whole number of different girls attending two weeks or more	9	8	7
Whole number of different pupils attending two weeks or more	18	16	18
Whole number of pupils under five years of age	1	0	0
Whole number of pupils over fifteen	2	2	1
Whole number of pupils between five and fifteen	15	14	17
Higher branches, — algebra	2	2	2
bookkeeping	1	0	0
Number of visits of superintendent	2	2	5
Number of visits of prudential committee	1	0	0
Number of visits by parents and others	15	11	9

Roll of Honor. — First term, Katie A. Regan, Steven D. Regan, Frank H. Whittemore. Third term, George H. Campbell, John N. Kendall, Bennie R. Young.

District No. 5.

Teacher. — First and second terms, Miss Eunice Stevens.

	1st T.	2d T.
Length of school in weeks of five days each	9	13
Whole number of different boys attending two weeks or more	9	8
Whole number of different girls attending two weeks or more	11	10
Whole number of different pupils attending two weeks or more	20	18
Whole number of pupils under five years of age	0	0
Whole number of pupils over fifteen	2	1
Whole number of pupils between five and fifteen	18	17
Higher branches, — algebra	2	2
Number of visits of superintendent	2	4

Number of visits of prudential committee .	0	0
Number of visits by parents and citizens . .	12	16
Wages of teacher per month	$20	$20

Roll of Honor. — First term, Carrie E. Patten, Bertha M. Gault, Willie M. Young. Second term, Ella L. S. Hodgeman, Hannah Murphy, Bertha M. Gault, John Murphy, Tommy Murphy, George H. Gault, Eva M. McAlister.

District No. 7.

Teachers. — First and second terms, Miss Mary E. Manning. Third term, Mr. George W. Newton.

	1st T.	2d T.	3d T.
Length of school in weeks of five days each	10	8	8
Whole number of different boys attending two weeks or more	12	9	7
Whole number of different girls attending two weeks or more	16	9	10
Whole number of different pupils attending two weeks or more . . .	28	18	17
Whole number under five years of age .	0	0	0
Whole number over fifteen years . .	4	1	5
Whole number between five and fifteen .	24	17	15
Higher branches, — algebra . . .	6	2	3
history . . .	7	4	0
drawing . . .	2	1	0
composition . .	11	6	9
Number of visits of superintendent .	2	2	3
Number of visits of prudential committee	0	0	0
Number of visits of parents and citizens	9	9	5
Wages of teacher per month . . .	$20	$20	$20

Roll of Honor. — First term, Susie Witherspoon, Mamie Vose, Addie McAlister. Third term, Nettie Barr, Nancy Barr, Lucy F. Barr.

District No. 8.

Teachers. — First term, Miss Miriam B. Gilmore. Second term, Will I. Kendall.

	1st T.	2d T.
Length of school in weeks of five days each .	10	12
Whole number of different boys attending two weeks or more	9	19

Whole number of different girls attending two weeks or more	9	14
Whole number of different pupils attending two weeks or more	18	33
Number of pupils under five years of age	0	0
Number of pupils over fifteen	0	7
Number of pupils between five and fifteen	18	26
Higher branches, — algebra	0	3
history	0	1
physiology	0	2
composition	5	0
Number of visits of superintendent	2	6
Number of visits of prudential committee	1	1
Number of visits of parents and citizens	24	17
Wages of teacher per month	$16	$20

Roll of Honor. — First term, Gardner W. Spencer, H. Villa Richards, Carrie E. Rand.

District No. 9.

Teachers. — First and second terms, Miss Lizzie McAfee. Third term, Miss Mary E. Manning.

	1st T.	2d T.	3d T.
Length of school in weeks of five days each	9	8	8
Whole number of different boys attending two weeks or more	7	7	9
Whole number of different girls attending two weeks or more	17	18	14
Whole number of different pupils attending two weeks or more	24	25	23
Number of pupils under five years of age	3	1	0
Number of pupils over fifteen	0	1	3
Number of pupils between five and fifteen	21	23	23
Higher branches, — algebra	0	0	1
history	4	4	9
drawing	6	6	6
composition	10	11	12
vocal music	14	14	23
Number of visits of superintendent	2	3	3
Number of visits of prudential committee	1	2	1
Number of visits of parents and citizens	26	13	14
Wages of teacher per month	$22	$22	$22

Roll of Honor. — First term, Ella D. McAfee. Second term, Lottie S. Perry, Minnie Fulton, Edith L. Shepard, Bessie P. Conner, James D. Bixby, Charles H. Fulton. Third term, Hattie Parkhurst, Eddie Conner, Edith Shepard.

District No. 10.

Teacher. — First and second terms, Miss Hattie A. Nichols.

	1st T.	2d T.
Length of school in weeks of five days each	8	7
Whole number different boys attending two weeks or more	4	3
Whole number different girls attending two weeks or more	8	7
Whole number different pupils attending two weeks or more	12	10
Whole number pupils under five years of age	0	1
Whole number pupils over fifteen	1	1
Whole number pupils between five and fifteen	11	8
Higher branches, — algebra	1	1
geometry	1	1
philosophy	1	1
ancient history	1	1
English literature	1	1
vocal music	12	10
Number of visits of superintendent	2	3
Number of visits of prudential committee	0	1
Number of visits by parents and citizens	11	3
Wages of teachers per month	$21	$21

Roll of Honor. — First term, Charlie Conrey, Carrie E. Parkhurst, Carrie E. Parker. Second term, Charlie Conrey, Carrie E. Parker, Francy Weishaupt.

District No. 11.

Teacher. — First and second terms, Miss Ada M. Daniels.

	1st T.	2d T.
Length of school in weeks of five days each	8	7
Whole number different boys attending two weeks or more	5	2
Whole number different girls attending two weeks or more	6	3

Whole number different pupils attending two weeks or more	11	5
Number of pupils under five years of age . .	0	0
Number of pupils over fifteen	0	0
Number of pupils between five and fifteen .	11	5
Number of visits of superintendent . . .	2	3
Number of visits of prudential committee .	0	0
Number of visits by parents and citizens .	4	2
Wages of teacher per month	$20	20

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